

REMARKS

After the foregoing amendment, claims 22-42, as amended, are pending in the application. Claims 1-21 have been withdrawn by the Examiner for further consideration in this prosecution and have been canceled. Claims 22, 35 and 39 have been amended to correct typographical errors. Applicant submits that no new matter has been added to the application by the Amendment.

Restriction

Applicant affirms election of claims 22-42, without prejudice.

Objection to the Specification

The Examiner objected to the specification because of typographical errors. Applicant has amended the specification as shown on page 2 of the Response to: (1) correct Fig. 28A to read Fig. 28B on page 13 , (2) correct Figs. 33A-D to read Figs. 28A-F on page 14 and (3) has added a brief description of Figs. 56A-D on page 17. In view of the above, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections to the specification.

Double Patenting Rejection

The Examiner rejected claims 22-42 under the judicially created doctrine of obvious type double patenting over claims 1-21 of U.S. Patent No. 6,657,998. The Examiner stated that a timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.321 may be used to overcome the actual or provisional rejection providing the conflicting patent is shown to be commonly owned.

A Terminal Disclaimer and Statement of Common Ownership signed by Applicant's registered attorney of record is attached herewith. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the double patenting rejection of claims 22-42.

Conclusion

Insofar as the Examiner's objections and rejections have been fully addressed, the instant application, including claims 22-42, is in condition for allowance and Notice of Allowability of claims 22-42 is therefore earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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